

Springdale Fire Department

Policy & Procedures Manual

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Section 102 – Personnel

102.13 – NWA Regional Haz-Mat Response Team

SFD Personnel may be selected to serve as a member of the Northwest Arkansas Regional Hazardous Materials Response Team based on the following policy.

In order to be eligible to apply for the Regional Team, SFD personnel must have been a member of SFD for a minimum of two years. Priority consideration will be given to personnel who have appropriate training and certifications as related to Hazardous Materials Response and to those personnel who have demonstrated the ability to be a productive member of the Regional Team.

Appropriate training and certification above normal departmental firefighter training includes, but is not limited to Haz-Mat Technician, Chemistry of Hazardous Materials, and Hazardous Materials Site Operating Practices.

The Fire Chief will select members to serve on the Regional Team. Recommendations from applicant superiors and other team members will be taken into consideration.

Appointments to the Regional Team will be for a five (5) year period. The Fire Chief may elect to re-appoint members for additional periods based on the individual's performance and continued suitability for Regional Team membership.

SFD personnel who are appointed to the Regional Team are expected to be participatory in the activities of the Regional Team. Regional Team members will be allowed a maximum of three (3) absences from team meetings and drills each calendar year. SFD personnel who exceed three (3) absences within a calendar year will be removed from the Regional Team. Appointed team members who fail to participate as required by the Local Team Leader and the Fire Chief may be removed from the Regional Team at any time during the five (5) year appointment period.

The Local Team Leader will submit monthly member attendance and participation rosters to the Fire Chief for review and consideration.